

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Among the original claims, claims 1-5 were canceled in the preliminary amendment dated June 20, 2003. As the result of a restriction requirement, claims 12-18 and 29-37 were elected. Upon entry of the present amendment, all non-elected claims are canceled. Claims 12 and 29-31 are amended to recite "growth arrest and DNA damage-inducible gene 45" and "cell division cycle 2," which are well known in the art as the full names of GADD45 and Cdc2, respectively. Claims 12 and 31 are amended to delete the language "or decrease(s)." Claims 29 and 30 are amended to import the limitations of original claims 19 and 22, now canceled. Claim 31 is amended to correct a typographic error. Claim 33 is amended to insert a sequence identifier. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

II. Claim Objections

Claims 12-14 and 29-32 were objected to for reciting acronyms "GADD45" and "Cdc2," without spelling out their full names in the first instances of their use; claims 29 and 30 were objected to for depending from a withdrawn claim; claim 31 was objected to for reciting "a antibody"; and claim 33 was objected to for lack of a sequence identifier. In response, all relevant claims have been amended to cure these named informalities. The objections have thus been obviated.

III. Claim Rejections

Claims 12-18 and 31-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that the recitation of "inhibit(s) or decrease(s)" in claims 12 and 31 is indefinite recite, because the preamble of these claims is a method for "inhibiting GADD45 polypeptide activity" and the specification defines "inhibiting" as "decreasing or reduction."

In response, claims 12 and 31 have been amended to delete the language "or decrease(s)." As such, Applicants submit that the indefiniteness rejection is overcome.

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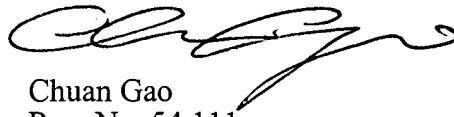
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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